

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The proficiency/competency of teaching subject through Hindi medium was assessed through interview upto the recruitment year 2002-03. From 2003-04, proficiency/competency of teaching through Hindi and English is tested through bi-lingual test in Hindi and English.

(c) Kendriya Vidyalayas are primarily meant for children of transferable Central Government employees. As there is a mix of children with various mother tongues, English and Hindi are used as mediums of instruction in the class-room. Therefore knowledge of English and Hindi is required for teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

Setting up a tribal university

2744. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a tribal university;

(b) if so, the details including the regional centre of the university, if any, as on date, category-wise;

(c) the details of the States associated or to be associated with the above project and the criteria adopted for the same; and

(d) the details of other Ministries associated with the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The proposal is yet to be finalized.

FDI in higher education

2745. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for FDI and the better regulation of present private-capital investment in higher education,

(b) if so, the details and the steps taken for better management of the present capital, category-wise, as on date.

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal for business process outsourcing (BPO)-IT perspective as part of the above FDI;

(d) if so, the present status of the above proposal; and

(e) the steps taken or to be taken for better transparency due to private-capital investment and FDI in higher education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) There is no separate sectoral policy notified for the education sector. By virtue of Press Note 2 (2000 Series) dated the 11th February, 2000 of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, FDI is already allowed on automatic route in the Education Sector.

(e) A proposal for the regulation of entry and operation, maintenance of quality and prevention of commercialization of education by Foreign Educational Institutions in Higher Education is currently under consideration of the Government. Subject to finalisation of policy in this regard, an appropriate legislation would be introduced in Parliament at the earliest. Domestic private unaided higher educational institutions deemed to be universities are regulated by the UGC guidelines. State laws regulate private universities established by the respective legislatures.

Implementation of Mandal Commission's recommendations

2746. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of implementation of Mandal Commission's recommendations on recruitment of teachers belonging to OBC by institutions affiliated to State and Central universities;

(b) whether the University Grants Commission, the Central Board of Secondary Education and the All India Council of Technical Education as also the regulatory bodies like Medical Council of India, Nursing Council of India and Dental Council of India have issued appropriate directives to institutions under their purview to this effect; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The provisions of